PROJECT ZERO Data Monitoring Packet

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Statewide Implementation

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Project Zero

roject Zero is a part of the Family Independence Agency's continuing welfare reform initiative, *To Strengthen Michigan Families (TSMF)*, which assists recipients making the transition from dependency to self-sufficiency.

Project Zero began in 1996 as a small research project in six areas of the state designed to identify certain personal characteristics, demographic information, recipient strengths and barriers to employment--real and perceived--of FIP recipients.

The purpose of Project Zero is twofold. First, it is to identify, through the survey noted above, barriers to employment that are unique to recipients without earned income. Secondly, the project utilized the data findings to assist state agencies and community organizations to develop and implement programs and services in all sites aimed at decreasing the number of recipients without earned income.

The first six Project Zero sites became operational in July, 1996 and additional sites were phased in over a period of years. Final statewide implementation was complete in October, 2000.

Project Zero Data Monitoring Packet

Data for the Project Zero data monitoring packet is obtained from the Family Independence Agency's Client Information System (CIS). The information is point-in-time data and is obtained at the beginning of each month. This data reflects the case transactions that occurred during the previous month.

Due to the nature of the public assistance caseload, the data displayed here represents a picture of a population that is constantly changing. Families move on and off public assistance, gain or lose employment and move into or out of the project area. Cases that are transferred into a project site from other parts of the state are immediately counted as part of the target caseload.

With statewide implementation (effective October 1, 2000) Project Zero is now a service delivery mechanism for all clients. The goal is 100 percent employment for all target cases. However, there are additional measures of success in Project Zero, including:

- The drop in the number and percentage of cases without earned income.
- Movement of recipients out of public assistance as demonstrated by the declining caseload.

- An increasing number of recipients who achieve self-sufficiency and improved lives for themselves and their children.
- Community collaboration and responsibility in developing support systems and removing employment barriers.

The goal of Project Zero is to reduce to zero the number of FIP households that have **no** earned income. Thus all cases required to work will be employed and have earned income. Cases are required to work if there is **any member** age 16 or older who:

- is a mandatory Work First participant or
- is not employed full time *or*
- is sanctioned or penalized and
- the case is open more than 60 days.

The formula for determining the number of cases required to work is:

(FIP cases) minus (cases open less than 60 days) minus (Work First deferred cases, i.e., those not required to work).

Recipients are <u>deferred</u> from Work First or are meeting participation requirements and are **not** required to work if they meet one of the criteria listed below:

- Parent of a child under 3 months.
- Single parent who personally provides care for a child under age 6 when adequate child care is not available.
- Under 16 or over 65 years of age.
- Full-time students between the ages of 16 and 18.
- Minor parent who is in school full-time.
- Temporary incapacity (expected to last 3 months or less).
- Applicant for SSI through the Social Security Administration.
- Providing care for an incapacitated spouse: Note Effective 10/01/02 the deferral for caring for an incapacitated spouse will require an assessment of need.
- Providing care for an SSI child or a child eligible for the Early-On program: This deferral is changed from automatic to mandating an assessment of the circumstances in the family. Parents must participate in Work First unless they are participating in Early On activity or are needed in the home to care for the child on SSI. Parents with children in school or able to attend day care will only be deferred to the extent that parental care is needed.
- Full-time volunteer for VISTA, Job Corps or AmeriCorp.

- Participants in transitional housing programs funded by HUD or MSHDA.
- Experiencing a temporary critical event, such as homelessness or domestic violence (deferral of up to 3 months at local office discretion).

The focus of Project Zero is on achieving 100% employment for clients in the project sites who are required to work. To help clients obtain employment, FIA staff will be working with them to eliminate barriers to employment and promote independence.

Additional resources are being developed within the agency as well as efforts to coordinate with other departments such as Transportation, MSHDA, and the Department of Career Development. Community agencies are also being asked for their assistance in providing resources for the project effort. Training in Strength Based/Solution Focused programs has taken place for staff involved in the project.

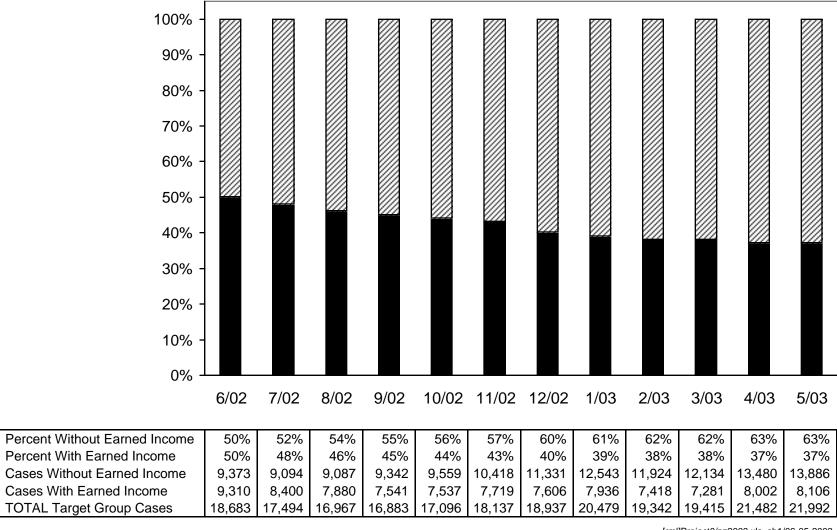
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Target Group Cases: With and Without Earned Income Point-in-Time Data

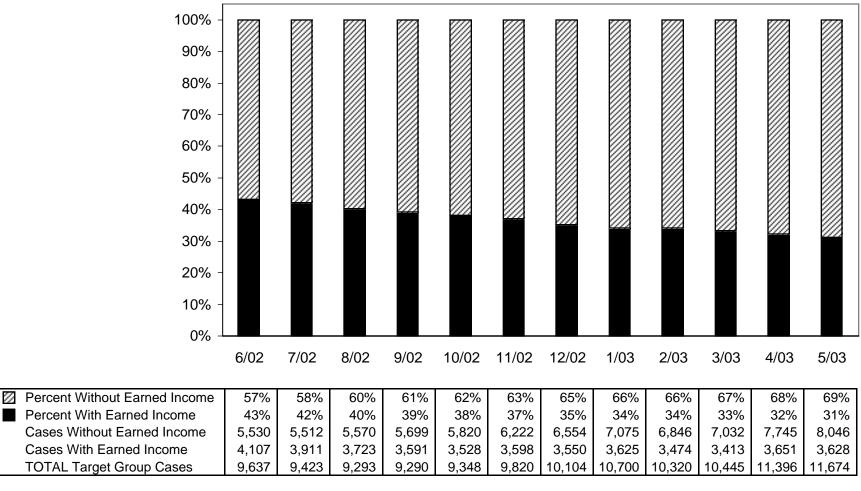
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PROJECT ZERO TOTAL OF ALL WAYNE COUNTY SITES

Target Group Cases: With and Without Earned Income Point-in-Time Data

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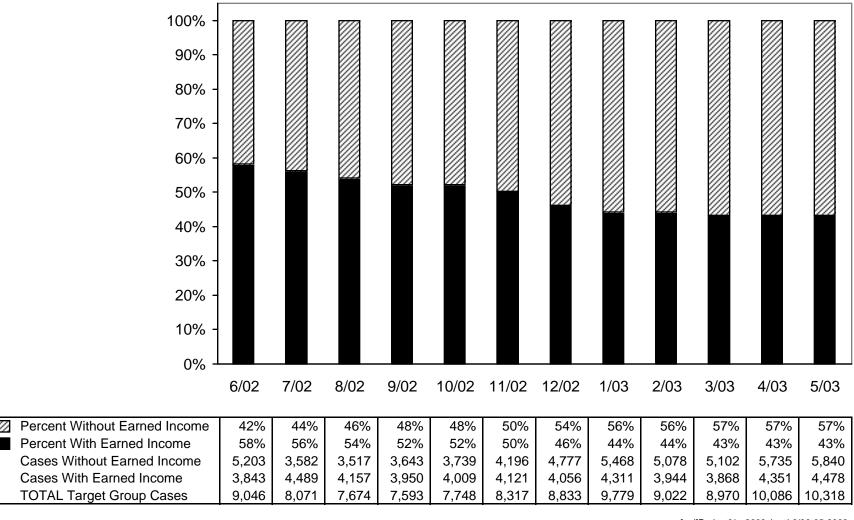


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PROJECT ZERO TOTAL OF ALL OUTSTATE SITES

Target Group Cases: With and Without Earned Income Point-in-Time Data

Percentage of Cases with Earned Income



ALL COUNTIES USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY, MAY 2003

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ALL COUNTIES USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY, MAY 2003

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COUNTY		otember 1992*	FIP	Open	Work First	Number	Percent With	Percent Without	
	AF	DC Caseload	Caseload	< 60 Days	Deferred Cases	of Cases	Earned Income	Earned Income	
43 Lake		362	147	27	94	26	35%	65%	
44 Lapeer		908	217	47	129	41	54%	46%	
45 Leelanau		113	35	13	20	2	50%	50%	
46 Lenawee		1,495	336	70	223	43	65%	35%	
47 Livingston		720	148	34	99	15	53%	47%	
48 Luce		111	62	13	24	25	36%	64%	
49 Mackinac		95	20	13	15	4	50%	50%	
50 Macomb		6,108	1,996	235	1,287	474	36%	64%	
51 Manistee		400	98	12	62	24	37%	63%	
52 Marquette		848	219	38	119	62	42%	58%	
53 Mason		503	183	37	99	47	53%	47%	
54 Mecosta		745	188	32	128	28	54%	46%	
55 Menomine	e	243	98	16	74	8	25%	75%	
56 Midland		1,169	286	49	162	75	56%	44%	
57 Missaukee	*	263						, ,	
58 Monroe		2,000	542	93	379	70	40%	60%	
59 Montcalm		1,134	292	58	154	80	39%	61%	
60 Montmorei	ncv	202	49	9	28	12	67%	33%	
61 Muskegon		4,660	2,455	313	1,104	1,038	29%	71%	
62 Newaygo		765	231	46	158	27	33%	67%	
63 Oakland		10,819	2,950	356	1,947	647	37%	63%	
64 Oceana		483	288	40	143	105	41%	59%	
65 Ogemaw		545	120	20	83	17	47%	53%	
66 Ontonagor	1	124	28	2	17	9	56%	44%	
67 Osceola		497	144	40	88	16	62%	38%	
68 Oscoda		172	64	14	39	11	73%	27%	
69 Otsego		191	76	17	52	7	29%	71%	
70 Ottawa		1,238	397	84	279	34	35%	65%	
71 Presque Is		189	28	3	21	4	25%	75%	
72 Roscommo	on	572	160	26	120	14	57%	43%	
73 Saginaw		7,302	3,070	325	1,464	1,281	50%	50%	
74 St. Clair		2,745	968	189	427	352	40%	60%	
75 St. Joseph	1	1,026	318	60	210	48	35%	65%	
76 Sanilac		729	194	34	113	47	34%	66%	
77 Schoolcraf		199	50	9	29	12	25%	75%	
78 Shiawasse	ее	1,196	249	55	147	47	57%	43%	
79 Tuscola		958	226	49	124	53	43%	57%	
80 Van Buren		1,811	617	122	412	83	46%	54%	
81 Washtenay	N	3,048	1,005	183	557 45 477	265	37%	63%	
82 Wayne	liana uka a**	90,574	30,087	2,936	15,477	11,674	31%	69%	
	lissaukee**	618	269 70 596	54	151	64	45%	55%	
Statewide	ıotai	213,202	70,586	9,339	39,255	21,992	37%	63%	

^{*} September 1992 AFDC caseload reflects caseload prior to implementation of To Strengthen Michigan Families. ** Missaukee County is now part of a dual county - Missaukee/Wexford - and data is combined under Wexford.

ALL COUNTIES USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY, MAY 2003

WAYNE COUNTY	September 1992*	Total	Number	Number of	TAR	GET GROUP CA	SES
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ZONE VIII**		Gascioaa	1 00 Days	Deletted Cases	01 04000	Edified income	Edified modific
13 Redford	3,970	1,512	179	937	396	32%	68%
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14 Lincoln Park	3,092	911	98	620	193	32%	68%
15 Greydale	4,706	1,910	211	1,051	648	28%	72%
17 Greenfield/Joy	4,385	1,743	206	1,012	525	30%	70%
18 Taylor	3,328	915	107	571	237	38%	62%
19 Inkster	3,001	1,635	150	939	546	34%	66%
32 Tireman	3,223	2,012	177	910	925	27%	73%
35 Schoolcraft	4,131	1,918	201	997	720	32%	68%
39 Fullerton	4,303	1,628	162	757	709	32%	68%
TOTAL	34,139	14,184	1,491	7,794	4,899	31%	69%
ZONE IX**							
41 Fort Wayne	3,343	1,508	138	958	412	35%	65%
43 Glendale	2,671	2,711	251	1,284	1,176	28%	72%
49 Grand River/Warren	2,050	1,373	164	646	563	35%	65%
55 Hamtramck	4,758	1,050	109	648	293	40%	60%
56 Highland Park	2,383	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
57 Medbury	2,714	2,901	204	1,247	1,450	31%	69%
59 McNichols/Goddard	4,346	1,528	116	670	742	26%	74%
73 Forest/Ellery	2,594	1,423	114	736	573	31%	69%
74 Kercheval***	2,815	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
76 Maddelein		3,380	344	1,474	1,562	33%	67%
79 Warren/Conner	2,943	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
80 Lafayette/Hospital Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	30,617	15,874	1,440	7,663	6,771	31%	69%
99 WAYNE - OTHER	1	29	5	20	4	0%	100%
WAYNE COUNTY TOTAL	71,316	30,087	2,936	15,477	11,674	31%	69%
OUTSTATE TOTAL	122,628	40,499	6,403	23,778	10,318	43%	57%
STATE TOTALS	213,203	70,586	9,339	39,255	21,992	37%	63%
PROJECT SITE TOTAL	N/A	70,586	9,339	39,255	21,992	37%	63%

^{*} September 1992 AFDC caseload reflects caseload prior to implementation of To Strengthen Michigan Families.

^{**} Wayne County Districts have been realigned into Zones VIII and IX as outlined above effective November, 2002.

^{***} The Kercheval District has been closed.

CASES WITHOUT EARNED INCOME USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY

			JULY, 1996		,	APRIL, 2003	3	MAY, 2003			
	COUNTY	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Percent Change From Previous Month
1	Alcona	73	26	36%	3	2	67%	3	1	33%	-50%
2	Alger	53	23	43%	1	0	0%	1	0	0%	0%
3	Allegan	402	217	54%	53	25	47%	54	28	52%	12%
4	Alpena	294	106	36%	29	16	55%	30	14	47%	-13%
5	Antrim	80	36	45%	5	1	20%	3	2	67%	100%
6	Arenac	175	75	43%	27	21	78%	18	11	61%	-48%
7	Baraga	104	54	52%	13	9	0%	15	8	53%	-11%
8	Barry	254	114	45%	28	11	39%	36	16	44%	45%
9	Bay	1,397	566	41%	163	91	56%	151	88	58%	-3%
10	Benzie	46	19	41%	15	10	67%	12	8	67%	-20%
11	Berrien	2,031	1,073	53%	194	55	28%	183	56	31%	2%
12	Branch	245	131	53%	88	52	59%	82	45	55%	-13%
13	Calhoun	1,681	913	54%	213	114	54%	215	124	58%	9%
14	Cass	471	307	65%	31	16	52%	31	13	42%	-19%
15	Charlevoix	75	33	44%	3	1	33%	6	4	67%	300%
16	Cheboygan	160	58	36%	9	7	78%	14	9	64%	29%
17	Chippewa	233	115	49%	16	9	56%	21	15	71%	67%
18	Clare	495	242	49%	22	15	68%	32	20	63%	33%
19	Clinton	223	91	41%	11	8	73%	10	5	50%	-38%
20	Crawford	159	65	41%	15	4	27%	13	2	15%	-50%
21	Delta	411	207	50%	24	7	29%	22	10	45%	43%
22	Dickinson	185	105	57%	12	2	17%	7	2	29%	0%
23	Eaton	463	234	51%	37	16	43%	33	15	45%	-6%
24	Emmet	102	40	39%	7	2	0%	6	2	33%	0%
25	Genesee	9,926	6,135	62%	1,885	1,075	57%	1,914	1,063	56%	-1%
26	Gladwin	269	91	34%	13	5	38%	11	5	45%	0%
27	Gogebic	220	144	65%	28	21	75%	30	21	70%	0%
28	Grand Traverse	201	87	43%	22	11	50%	24	13	54%	18%
29	Gratiot	378	201	53%	40	21	53%	36	14	39%	-33%
30	Hillsdale	228	129	57%	25	12	48%	33	16	48%	33%
31	Houghton	307	118	38%	13	6	46%	17	/	41%	17%
32	Huron	196	76	39%	35	23	66%	34	20	59%	-13%
33	Ingham	3,323	1,595	48%	175	37	21%	176	36	20%	-3%
34	Ionia	355	179	50%	40	30	75%	44	25	57%	-17%
35	losco	194	87	45%	17	8	47%	19	5	26%	-38%
36	Iron	97	45	46%	11	1	9%	12	0	0%	0%
37	Isabella	420	206	49%	48	33	69%	56	39	70%	18%
38	Jackson	1,620	895	55%	324	225	69%	323	235	73%	4%
39	Kallamazoo	2,054	1,225	60%	368	261	71%	387	278	72%	7%
40	Kalkaska	68	34	50%	11	6	0% 49%	12	/ /E/	58% 47%	17% 2%
41	Kent	3,889	2,383	61%	911	444		975	454		
42	Keweenaw	4	2	50%	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	0%

CASES WITHOUT EARNED INCOME USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY

			JULY, 1996			APRIL, 2003	3	MAY, 2003			
	COUNTY	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Percent Change From Previous Month
43	Lake	159	91	57%	24	12	50%	26	17	65%	42%
44	Lapeer	309	134	43%	49	24	49%	41	19	46%	-21%
45	Leelanau	25	11	44%	4	3	0%	2	1	50%	-67%
46	Lenawee	697	392	56%	34	11	32%	43	15	35%	36%
47	Livingston	272	141	52%	13	5	38%	15	7	47%	40%
48	Luce	74	35	47%	22	14	64%	25	16	64%	14%
49	Mackinac	44	23	52%	5	3	0%	4	2	50%	-33%
50	Macomb	3,358	1,791	53%	453	292	64%	474	301	64%	3%
51	Manistee	199	94	47%	27	16	59%	24	15	63%	-6%
52	Marquette	481	183	38%	62	41	66%	62	36	58%	-12%
53	Mason	222	101	45%	40	15	38%	47	22	47%	47%
54	Mecosta	384	206	54%	23	10	43%	28	13	46%	30%
55	Menominee	116	57	49%	18	8	44%	8	6	75%	-25%
	Midland	676	284	42%	74	37	50%	75	33	44%	-11%
57	Missaukee*	127	54	43%		_		-			
58	Monroe	948	466	49%	73	46	63%	70	42	60%	-9%
59	Montcalm	422	229	54%	78	48	62%	80	49	61%	2%
	Montmorency	86	30	35%	13	5	38%	12	4	33%	-20%
	Muskegon	2,344	1,370	58%	1,016	716	70%	1,038	742	71%	4%
62	Newaygo	297	183	62%	40	28	70%	27	18	67%	-36%
63	Oakland	6,042	3,631	60%	588	354	60%	647	405	63%	14%
64	Oceana	191	83	43%	116	72	62%	105	62	59%	-14%
65	Ogemaw	268	97	36%	11	5	45%	17	9	53%	80%
	Ontonagon	60	34	57%	9	2	22%	9	4	44%	100%
67	Osceola	266	141	53%	21	10	48%	16	6	38%	-40%
68	Oscoda	91	44	48%	8	0	0%	11	3	27%	0%
69	Otsego	72	33	46%	7	6	86%	7	5	71%	-17%
70	Ottawa	376	161	43%	33	18	55%	34	22	65%	22%
71	Presque Isle	65	24	37%	1	1	0%	4	3	75%	200%
72	Roscommon	307	118	38%	9	4	44%	14	6	43%	50%
73	Saginaw	4,616	2,435	53%	1,281	652	51%	1,281	642	50%	-2%
	St. Clair	1,207	587	49%	356	221	62%	352	212	60%	-4%
75	St. Joseph	396	248	63%	31	20	65%	48	31	65%	55%
76	Sanilac	224	85	38%	46	25	54%	47	31	66%	24%
77	Schoolcraft	121	66	55%	8	3	38%	12	9	75%	200%
78	Shiawassee	488	223	46%	48	19	40%	47	20	43%	5%
79	Tuscola	355	155	44%	51	27	53%	53	30	57%	11%
80	Van Buren	756	396	52%	102	57	56%	83	45	54%	-21%
81	Washtenaw	1,663	970	58%	251	158	63%	265	166	63%	5%
82	Wayne	60,090	46,029	77%	11,396	7,745	68%	11,674	8,046	69%	4%
83	Wexford**	242	117	48%	56	34	61%	64	35	55%	3%
	Statewide Total	122,697	80,034	65%	21,482	13,480	63%	21,992	13,886	63%	3%

^{*} Missaukee County is now part of a dual county - Missaukee/Wexford - and data is combined under Wexford.

CASES WITHOUT EARNED INCOME USING PROJECT ZERO METHODOLOGY

WAYNE COUNTY DISTRICT		JULY, 1996		,	APRIL, 2003	3	MAY, 2003			
OFFICES	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Target Group Cases	Number Without Earned Income	Percent Without Earned Income	Percent Change From Previous Month
ZONE VIII*										
13 Redford	2,181	1,520	70%	366	248	68%	396	268	68%	8%
14 Lincoln Park	1,946	1,303	67%	189	130	69%	193	131	68%	1%
15 Greydale/Grand River	3,115	2,473	79%	693	499	72%	648	469	72%	-6%
17 Greenfield/Joy	2,977	2,352	79%	485	316	65%	525	367	70%	16%
18 Taylor	1,988	1,203	61%	219	136	62%	237	146	62%	7%
19 Inkster	2,826	1,813	64%	527	338	64%	546	361	66%	7%
32 Tireman/Central	1,921	1,458	76%	920	680	74%	925	674	73%	-1%
35 Schoolcraft/Stansbury	3,032	2,349	77%	732	484	66%	720	492	68%	2%
39 Fullerton/Jeffries	2,677	2,199	82%	695	455	65%	709	484	68%	6%
TOTAL	22,663	16,670	74%	4,826	3,286	68%	4,899	3,392	69%	3%
ZONE IX*										
41 Fort Wayne	2,664	2,038	77%	441	289	66%	412	266	65%	-8%
43 Glendale	1,511	1,119	74%	1,100	773	70%	1,176	850	72%	10%
49 Grand River/Warren	1,677	1,360	81%	540	342	63%	563	366	65%	7%
55 Hamtramck	2,204	1,710	78%	272	150	55%	293	176	60%	17%
56 Highland Park	1,844	1,480	80%	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
57 Medbury	1,950	1,588	81%	1,403	947	67%	1,450	995	69%	5%
59 McNichols/Goddard	3,332	2,674	80%	706	521	74%	742	552	74%	6%
73 Forest/Ellery	1,534	1,156	75%	518	360	69%	573	398	69%	11%
74 Kercheval*	1,684	1,265	75%	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
76 Maddelein				1,581	1,069	68%	1,562	1,047	67%	-2%
79 Warren/Conner	1,997	1,682	84%	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed	closed
80 Lafayette/Hospital Corridor	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL	20,397	16,072	79%	6,561	4,451	68%	6,771	4,650	69%	4%
99 WAYNE - OTHER	126	71	11%	9	8	89%	4	4	100%	-50%
WAYNE COUNTY TOTAL	60,090	46,029	77%	11,396	7,745	68%	11,674	8,046	69%	4%
OUTSTATE TOTAL	62,607	34,005	54%	10,086	5,735	57%	10,318	5,840	57%	2%
STATE TOTALS	122,697	80,034	65%	21,482	13,480	63%	21,992	13,886	63%	3%
PROJECT SITE TOTAL	4,691	2,807	60%	21,482	13,480	63%	21,992	13,886	63%	3%

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Note: Percents may not add due to rounding.

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